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Main Entry: ²latch

Function: noun

: any of various devices in which mating mechanical parts engage to fasten but usually not to lock something: a: a fastener (as for a door) consisting essentially of a pivoted bar that falls into a notch b: a fastener (as for a door) in which a spring slides a bolt into a hole; also: NIGHT **LATCH**

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Main Entry: ¹me·chan·i·cal **4**) Pronunciation: mi-'ka-ni-k&l

Function: adjective

1 a (1): of or relating to machinery or tools < mechanical applications of science > <a mechanical genius> <mechanical aptitude> (2): produced or operated by a machine or tool <mechanical power> <a mechanical refrigerator> <a mechanical saw> b: of or relating to manual operations

2: of or relating to artisans or machinists <the mechanical

3 a: done as if by machine: seemingly uninfluenced by the mind or emotions: AUTOMATIC < her singing was cold and mechanical > b : of or relating to technicalities or petty matters

4 a: relating to, governed by, or in accordance with the principles of mechanics < mechanical work > < mechanical energy> b: relating to the quantitative relations of force and matter < mechanical pressure of wind on a tower>

5: caused by, resulting from, or relating to a process that involves a purely physical as opposed to a chemical change <mechanical erosion of rock>

synonym see SPONTANEOUS

- me·chan·i·cal·ly 4) /-ni-k(&-) lE/ adverb

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bracket[1,noun] bracket[2,transitive verb] angle bracket bracket creep bracket fungus square bracket

Main Entry: ¹brack·et ◆>

Pronunciation: 'bra-k&t

Function: noun

Etymology: perhaps from Middle French braguette codpiece, from diminutive of brague breeches, from Old Provençal braga, from Latin braca, of Celtic origin -- more at BREECH

1: an overhanging member that projects from a structure (as a wall) and is usually designed to support a vertical load or to strengthen an angle

2: a fixture (as for holding a lamp) projecting from a wall or column

3 a: one of a pair of marks [] used in writing and printing to enclose matter or in mathematics and logic as signs of aggregation -- called also square bracket b: one of the pair of marks <> used to enclose matter -- called also angle bracket c: PARENTHESIS 3 d: BRACE 5b.

4: a section of a continuously numbered or graded series (as age ranges or income levels)

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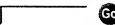
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